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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11, and 16 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, claims 1-8, 10-16, and 18-20 over Fitch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,321,092 B1). The Office Action also rejects, under 35 U.S.C. § 103, claims 9 and 17 over Fitch et al. and Walsh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,603,977 B1). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants assert that neither Fitch et al. does not disclose or suggest both a short-range wireless link and a long range wireless link, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 11 and 16.

“A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference” (MPEP §2131, citing *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)).

Fitch et al. discloses multiple input data management for wireless location-based applications. Multiple location finding equipment systems (104, 106, 108, 110) are used to support a wireless location application. A mobile switching center (112) is used to route wireless communications to or from wireless stations (102) (col. 4, line 64 – col. 5, line 16). Cell/sector location information is transmitted to a location manager (16) via the MSC (112). Fitch et al. does not disclose using both a short-range wireless link along with a long range wireless link or eliciting location information from a subset of a plurality of reporting devices upon failing to obtain location information from a target MS using a long-range wireless communication system link.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 11, and 16 define patentable subject matter. The remaining claims depend from the independent claims and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees arising as a result of this Amendment or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

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